


Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi   
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** April 5, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Health Benefit Exchange Authority  
Establishment Emergency Amendment Act of 2013”

**REFERENCE:** Bill 20-194, As Introduced

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

Federal law<sup>1</sup> requires the District to establish a call center that is available to individuals and businesses beginning in the Fall of 2013 to assist with enrollment in the Health Benefit Exchange (“Exchange”). The bill exempts any procurement made under the authority of the “Health Benefit Exchange Authority Establishment Act of 2011,”<sup>2</sup> from local procurement law.<sup>3</sup> This exemption is intended to ensure the call center is in place by the federally required deadline.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Exempting procurement activities related to the establishment of the Exchange will not have a negative impact on the budget and financial plan, as it does not

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<sup>1</sup> The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, approved March 23, 2010 (124 Stat. 588; 42 U.S.C. 18001)

<sup>2</sup> Effective March 2, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-94; D.C. Official Code §31-3171.04(a)(5))

<sup>3</sup> By amending the Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-351.05(c)) and Health Benefit Exchange Authority Establishment Act of 2011, effective March 2, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-94; D.C. Official Code §31-3171.04(a)(5))

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authorize the Department of Healthcare Finance to spend more than what has been budgeted and appropriated for the agency.